

**Agenda**  
**INDIANA BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING**  
**PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION MEETING**

**June 11, 2015 9 AM (EDT)**  
**Horseshoe Southern Indiana Hotel**  
**Bossier City Room**  
**11999 Casino Center Dr. SE**  
**Elizabeth IN 47117**  
**866-676-7463**

- A Meeting called to order
- B. approval of April minutes as submitted
- C Variance requests;
  - 1 Rebecca Hershberger is requesting a variance for Instructor I. She currently holds a valid Primary Instructor, and has Firefighter I/II and several other Firefighter certifications.

Staff recommends approval providing she passes the Instructor reciprocity test.
  - 2. John Saunders is requesting a variance for Firefighter I/II and Hazmat Awareness and Operations.

A staff member checked credentials with Australia, and believes the individual has more specialized training than is listed.

Staff recommends approval based upon the curriculum and information submitted.
  - 3. Daniel Siek (Anderson Career Center) is requesting a variance from 655 IAC 1-1-12(e) to allow Blake Dietzer, Michael Pickett and Parker Rayne, whom currently are 16 years of age and juniors, to take the written

examinations for [Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Hazardous Material Awareness, and Hazardous Materials Operations,] prior to taking the practical skills examinations, with the variance to be valid until their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Staff recommends approval

4. Daniel Siek (Anderson Career Center) is requesting a variance from 655 IAC 1-1-12(h) to allow the following students to take the practical skills examinations for [Firefighter I, Firefighter II, and Hazardous Materials Operations] at the age of 17 years and 1 week and have their passing score remain valid until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, with the variance to be valid until their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday:

Caleb Anders-Akers; Matthew Benzenbower; Collin Bilyeu; Tareah Clay; Blake Dietzer; Kody Eldridge; Cody Gilbert; Brycen Hansen; Ryan Hauser; Botson Morgan; Michel Pickett; Parker Rayne; and Logan Wehrly.

Staff recommends approval

5. Travis Theurer is requesting a variance for Instructor II/III. He holds a valid Instructor I, is a state license teacher, and is the only member of SWAT team that is Medic and EMT. Mr. Theurer has explained and given examples of how during his duties with all the above, he meets the JPR's for Instructor II/III. He completes the needs assessment, budgets and high hazard training according to the requirements in the JPR's.

Staff recommends approval.

6. Troy Clements, Pike Township FD is respectfully requesting a variance from 655 IAC 1-2.1-5.1 (Firefighter I/II) for Mark Raney. Due to the timing of his hiring, he will be joining a recruit school that has already completed the EMT portion, and will join for the Firefighter I/II portion. Upon successful completion of firefighter I/II, he will be directed to an EMT school. Upon successfully completing EMT school, he would then continue his employment with Pike Township Fire Department.

Specifically, Pike is requesting that Mark Raney be allowed to test for his Firefighter I/II and the certification be withheld pending his successful completion of EMT school. His Firefighter I/II would then be issued, with an effective date concurrent with his completion of EMT.

Hazmat Operations will also not be completed until after the EMT course. They are asking for the following students be allowed to test for FF ½ prior to having Hazmat ops, and certifications held until the class is completed.

Mark Raney; Noah Rincker; Jacob Fussell; Alex Knipp and Joseph Hale.

FF ½ testing is in August of 2015. Staff recommends denial.

7. Mathew Pride is requesting a variance for Investigator. He completed a FIT class at the Jasper Fire School; the class follows the NFPA 1033 standard and has completed all state skills as required.

Staff recommends denial. Matthew should take the state written exam.

8. Russ McCurdy is requesting a variance for Investigator based on NFA course and completion of state skills.

Staff recommends approval This program follows the standard and is a recognized facility.

D. James Greeson, State Fire Marshal report;

E Joe Romero, Director of Training report;

F. John Buckman, fire training report;

1. On June 13<sup>th</sup> at 8am in the Las Vegas Room A (Second Floor) there will be a meeting for Instructors. This will count as continued education hours. This is to clear up rumor vs fact, to teach how to apply for courses, explain the most common issues with the rules, etc.

2. Brian Weaver, Instructor I variance status.

3. Instructor Reciprocity test, un-proctored. This is an open book test on 655 IAC rules. We believe that this test does not have to be proctored since it is open book.

4. Master certifications vs current certifications: if you hold a master certification, do you still qualify as lead instructor or lead evaluator for a current class. In the past, the Board has stated that the master categories were not equal to the current NFPA certifications.

5. Adam Hurley, Thorncreek Twp VFD. Recruit training for individuals under 18 years of age.

G. Administrative proceedings;

H Request for reciprocity;

I Old business;

J. New business;

K Meeting adjourned

#### NEXT MEETING:

August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015 6pm

Evansville FD

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